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TO U.S. VOLUNTARY OFFER

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1. RECENT FLURRY OF ACTIVITY WITH RESPECT OT JAPANESE
AND EURATOM RATIFICATION OF NPT WILL LIKELY REQUIRE
ACCELERATION OF CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS ON US VOLUNTARY
OFFER. JAPANESE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT NEGOTIATING TEAM
HAS ALREADY ASKED MISSION WHERE THE MATTER STANDS AND FRG
MISSION PERIODICALLY RAISES SUCH QUESTIONS AS (A) WHEN
FRG CAN GET COPY OF DRAFT TEXT OF US AGREEMENT AND (B)
WHEN US PROPOSES TO PLACE AGREEMENT BEFORE BOARD OF
GOVERNORS FOR APPROVAL.

2. FORMAL NEXOATIATIONS WITH AGENCY HAVE NOT BEEN CON-
DUCTED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS, LARGELY BECAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION
OF AGENCY STAFF WITH OTHER BUSINESS AND BECAUSE THERE
WAS NO APPARENT NEED TO MOVE AHEAD URGENTLY IN VIEW OF
DELAY IN JAPANESE RATIFICATION. IF NEW JAPANESE ATTEMPT
TO ACHIEVE RATIFICATION IS SUCCESSFUL, THIS SITUATION
WILL BE DRASTICALLY ALTERED AND THERE MAY BE A NECESSITY
TO PLACE THE U.S. VOLUNTARY SAFEGUARDS OFFER AGREEMENT
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BEFORE THE BOARD IN 1975.

3. REF AIRGRAM PROVIDED INFORMAL COMMENTS ON PART OF AGENCY LEGAL STAFF, MANY OF WHICH WE EXPECT TO BE PRESENTED FORMALLY AT NEXT IAEA-US NEGOTIATING SESSION. WE HAVE ARRANGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF JOHN MAHY'S PRESENCE VIENNA TO INVOLVE HIM IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENCY IN ANTICIPATION OF NEXT NEGOTIATING SESSION WHICH WE HOPE TO SCHEDULE SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF FEB 18. MAHY UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT REMAIN HERE BEYOND FEB 12. HE HAS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF MEETING WITH LABOWITZ ON FRIDAY, FEB 14 JUST PRIOR TO LATTER'S RETURN TO VIENNA FROM EMERGENCY LEAVE. THIS WOULD ALSO BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ERDA-NRC TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH LABOWITZ AND TRY TO ARRIVE AT A POSITION FOR NEGOTIATING SESSION FOLLOWING WEEK. WOULD SUGGEST AMBASSADOR TAPE OR HIS DESIGNEE GET IN TOUCH WITH LABOWITZ TO SEE IF THIS SCHEDULE CONVENIENT OR POSSIBLE FOR HIM AND TO ARRANGE NECESSARY TRAVEL ORDERS. PORTER

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